

National Plant Materials Technical Committee

Purpose: Established in the mid-90's to assist the National PM Leader with current PM issues





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Program Guidance

- Quality Improvement Team (QIT) 12/96
- Task Force Report 2/00
- Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)
2/03



Critical Issues

- Assessment of Customer Needs
- Structure and Linkages
- Partner Participation
- Commitment by Management/Advisory Process
- Accountability/Evaluation
- Meeting New Challenges
- Coordination and Management of Resources



Critical Issues

- Integration
- Service Area
- Technology Transfer – Role of PMS
- Products, Functions & Technology Transfer
- Marketing and Visibility



Critical Issues

- Native Plant Species
- Holistic Approaches for Land Management
- Staffing
- Budget



Accomplishments

- Align PM program into mainstream NRCS
 - Performance goals and worksheets
 - Performance measures
 - Business plans
 - quarterly reports
 - Activities and accomplishments (ECS-8)
 - Workload analysis
 - PM Program reviews



Accomplishments

- Reconstitute the State Conservationist Advisory Committee
- National PM Manual
- Develop National PM Strategic Plan
- National Marketing Plan
- National PM information coordinator



Accomplishments

- Multi-state training template
- Training Needs inventory
- Technical training sessions for PM staff
- PMS role in technology transfer
 - Job descriptions
 - Vacancy announcement



Accomplishments

- Information & Marketing Specialist
- Electronic newsletter
- Revise National brochure
- Regional articles
- Environmental evaluation worksheet
- Recruit employees



Summary

- Commitment by management
- Integration
- Accountability/evaluation (POMS)
- Coordination and management of resources
- Technology transfer
- Marketing and visibility
- Budget
- staffing

